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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The *Office Action* from Examiner Aaron M. Dunwoody of Art Unit 3679, dated 12 January 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Application Data Sheet is submitted with this *Response*.